



## SYBB Presents

### Great Bay Baseball League

### Spring 2021 Registration

#### Program Fees\*

Tee Ball (Kindergarten) – \$50.00  
Rookies (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) - \$70.00  
Minors (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade) - \$85.00  
Majors (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade) - \$95.00  
Babe Ruth (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) - \$140.00

*\*Registration closes on April 1<sup>st</sup> Late registrations will increase by \$20.00 per player and only be accepted if roster space is available.*

#### COVID-19 Update

*The Stratham Youth Baseball Board is excited to offer a spring baseball season this year and will be making some changes to follow current state, local, and federal guidelines. While we are currently planning a “regular” season of baseball this spring we have to caution that all of our plans are subject to state and town regulations on COVID safety. The calendar and season may change. With this in mind, registration fees are non-refundable.*

#### Projected Spring 2021 Recreation Calendar

Based on the weather and field conditions, the programs will start roughly mid-April and run until the end of school in mid-June.

Field Day April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sandlot Play April 15<sup>th</sup>  
T-ball to Babe Ruth Games start May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Playoffs Start June 5<sup>th</sup> (Minors & Majors)  
Golf Tournament Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

*No games schedule Memorial Day Weekend*

**Register> <http://stratham.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>**

#### ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help keep an independent town program. You can volunteer to be a board member, coach, fundraising chairperson or field maintenance. Many hands make light work. Stratham Coaches will be subject to a background check prior to team assignment.

### **Tee Ball (Kindergarten or children that are 5 by May 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Tee ball takes place each Saturday morning from 8:00 to 9:30 at Stratham Hill Park. The time is split as follows: the first 45 minutes is dedicated to practicing individual skills and baseball fundamentals; the last 45 minutes is structured game play with coaches continuing to instruct players during the game. The Tee Ball program begins after April vacation and runs through to the first weekend in June.

### **Rookie Baseball (U8, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)**

This program is designed to transition kids from tee ball to baseball. It's an instructional, non-competitive league for kids in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade where the goal is to develop fundamental skills and a love for the game. Team sizes are structured so that all players will bat (coach pitch) and play in the field every inning. The time commitment is one practice per week, on a Monday through Thursday evening, and one to two games per week, on Friday night or Saturday Morning at 10. The rookie league is an excellent way to continue learning the fundamentals of the game and building player confidence. The Rookie program begins mid-April (weather permitting) and runs through mid-June. *There will be some inter-town play which may require 1-2 games to travel to neighboring towns.*

### **Minors Baseball (U10, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Players at this level continue building and refining their fundamental skills while they begin to understand game strategy. It is at the minor league level that player's first experience live pitching from players. Pitcher's mound is at a distance of 46-feet from home plate and the base paths are 60-feet apart. Teams generally play two games per week (three games during one week is a possibility) and also hold practices during the week. Minor teams will play and practice on Tue/Thur/Sat. This league includes a season ending tournament. The Minors program begins mid-April (weather permitting) and runs through June. *There will be some inter-town play which may require travel to neighboring towns.*

### **Majors Baseball (U12, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

The most experienced level of Cal Ripken Baseball. Cal Ripken Baseball is played under the Official Baseball Rules, but implements some special rules as necessary for the development and welfare of this young age group. The game is played on a 70-foot diamond to further develop their skill-set. Pitcher selection is at the discretion of the coach, not all players will have the opportunity to pitch. Teams generally play two games per week (three games during one week is a possibility) and also hold practices during the week. Major teams will play and practice on Mon/Wed/Fri or Sat. While this is the most competitive level of Stratham Cal Ripken, equal playing time is a rule. This league includes standings and playoffs. The Majors program begins mid-April (weather permitting) and runs through June. *There will be some inter-town play which may require 5-6 games to travel to neighboring towns.*

### **Babe Ruth Baseball/Senior Babe Ruth (U15/U18, 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Since this division has older players, there is a stronger emphasis on competition. Players will get to play in every game but playing time will be earned based on performance/team contribution. It is also at this level that players are finally introduced to the regulation 90-foot baseball field. Babe Ruth is 13 years old through 15 Years Old (Typically 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Sr. Babe Ruth (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) Grade is the primary basis for team placement but skill level and other factors may play a role. The Stratham baseball board decides issues such as swing player placement. This program is intended to work around school baseball teams so there is no issue with players also playing for their school teams, in fact it is encouraged. Practices will start early May and games will run to the end of June. The coach will determine practices times. Games will be announced once teams are selected. Depending on the number of participants, tryouts may be held.

### **All-Stars/Travel teams (All Ages)**

Great Bay will field age based All-Star teams to compete in Districts/States. All-Star teams will be selected by town coaches for consideration. Depending on interest, there is also an opportunity to play on summer travel teams which is open to all and normally runs from the end of the season through July. Details will follow as the season progresses. When registering, please indicate your interest.

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